Mrs. Palmer and Three Other Members Vore Rainy Day Costumes at Yesterday's Meeting and Mrs. Fowler Objected-Wearers of Trailing Skirts Also Criticised.

The Rainy Day Club met in its new home, the Chapter room of Carnegie Hall, yesterday afterpoon. Levity may sometimes be laid at the door of the Daisles, but tameness never. The meeting commenced at half past 1 c'clock and ended at half past 5, and there was not one dull minute in the proceedings. Mrs. A. M. Painter presided. She was attired in a most becoming black rainy day costume.

The skirt was properly abbreviated and the coat jaunty. Her little hat with its trimmings of white was a model of style. Three other members were short skirts and the other 129 who were present very, very long ones of the most up-to-date cut. And some of them owned. too, that they lived on streets where the snow hadn't been touched. Perhaps they wore their trailing skirts because the subject for discussion was draperies. They might have thought that the modish skirt was receiving the official sanction of the club. At any rate, the four women who turned out in bob-tailed gowns looked mighty lonesome.

Mrs. Fowler of New Jersey threw a resolution at her short-skirted sisters. In substance it was that the club, after one year's experisee should discourage the wearing of rainy day skirts except in inclement weather. Mrs. Fowler suggested that the members think over

this resolution and discuss it a month hence.

One woman remarked that she thought they'd better get the short skirt on the members on wet days before they tried to take it off them on dry days. Another added that the constitution said that the dress must be worn in inclement weather, and she didn't see any

use in bothering about anything else.

"If we could only have a uniform dress,"
spoke up the presiding officer. "The difficulty is that the bicycle dress interferes with us and gets us into trouble. Let us have one style of dress, no matter how cheap. The cheaper the 'Let's discuss this question to-day and not

put it off," said Mrs. H. Herbert Knowles, "for our annual election comes at the next meeting, and we won't have time for anything else then. That will take a whole day."

"It seems to me," said Mrs. Fowler, author of the resolution, "that we do not know our minds on when and where we shall wear our rainy day skirt. You remember the discussion rainy day skirt. You remember the discussion we had about it before our euchre party. I think our influence would be greater if we only wore it in inclement weather."

"I think Mrs. Fowler's resolution unnecessary." volunteered Dr. Bogle. "Our constitution says."—

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Bang went Mrs. Palmer's gavel, and she announced that further discussion on the resolution would be deferred.

The appointment of a nominating committee was next in order. Mrs. Schramm and Dr. Bogle were appointed by the Chair, and Mrs. Frederick Fawkell, Miss Lindley and Mrs. G. B. Wallis were nominated from the floor.

Dr. Bogle. Secretary, read a letter from a woman's club in Buffalo, saying they wanted to form a rainy-day department, and asking how to proceed, but more particularly about the length of the skirt. Mrs. Palmer announced that rainy-day clubs were springing up all over the country, and advocated allowing all similar clubs to use the mother organization's badge.

"It will be nice to feel that these are all our children," she explained, and, to show just how important the club is in the eyes of other people, she read several letters of regret from very prominent persons," whose names she withheld, at not being able to attend. One woman wrote that she was heartily in sympathy with the object of the club, as she was thoroughly sick of seeing women act as animated but unhygienic mops for street cleaning purposes. It will be hard for some folks to believe, but she wrote on Sorosis paper.

Next there was a long discussion about postal cards and their relation to club diguity. Dr. Bogle suggested that before election day, Jan. 4, the Nominating Committee send each member a printed postal cards," said Mrs. George Studewell. "They are bad things and very vague. I think we are able to pay two cents and have our letters sealed."

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A rising vote on the question was taken and penny postage won, thereby losing for the club at least one atom of dignity.

By this time guests began to come in in great numbers and a three-minute recess was taken by due to Miss Lindley. Dr. Boyle and Dr. Church, who comprise the outgoing Committee on Programme. The programmes throughout the year have given lively evidence that a business woman had them in charge, and yesterday's was no exception. Miss Alice Berkeley Marten sang a solo in a rich contraito, and then Miss Lindley introduced the first speaker, Mrs. Florence Cory, who talked about draperies in which we have given to a such a received marten sang a solo in a rich contraito, and then Miss Lindley introduced the first speaker, Mrs. Florence Cory, who talked about draperies for the woman was the theme discussed by Miss Harriet Sackett of Irratt Institute. Brooklyn. Miss Sackett said in part: Two been asked to say something about draperies for the woman was the theme discussed by Miss Harriet Sackett of Irratt Institute. Brooklyn. Miss Sackett said in part: Two been asked to say something about draperies for the human house. Like the former speaker, I say we must first consider the form to be draped and more may dually the peculiarity with broad hips and shoulders. We must first consider our points of support, and our lines of drapery should radiate from these. The shoulders have always been considered the points of support for man's apparel from the age down, but in the female form we use the hips quite as much as the shoulders, and sometimes use the kneed. That is not properly a support. In modern days we have not been using much to have no drapery about them, but have you ever noticed in the plainest skirt made by the artists Parisian modiste how the lines appear in every position assumed by the wearer, to start from here. Indicating the hip. "and radiate down so as to outline what is considered twee not have no draper when it is a good form."

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"Furthermore, I believe every lady calling a carriage," concluded Mrs. Hanks, even for a short drive, should patronise only a reliable firm, who are found to be reliable and who are known to insist on the strict care of their carriages that some sleeping cars receive."

"We'll now proceed to draps the inner man," said Miss Lindley, when the speaker had finished, and I will turn things over to the Reception Committee, who will immediately serve refreshments."

To a and sponge cake aren't very heavy cullinary draperies, but the members and guests fell to with a right good will and everybody had a good time until night came on.

EAMES TOO ILL TO SING.

This Caused a Flurry and a Change of Bill at the Opera House Yesterday. Yesterday, at about noon, quiet reigned in Manager Grau's office at the Metropolitan Opera House. There was actually nothing to do for the moment. Mr. Grau was apprehensive; the calm was ominous. The house was sold out for last night and everything seemed too favor-able. None of the prima donnas had that day asked to sing Juliette. Neither had itheir agents or husbands. Mr. Grau glanced out of the window to see if the elements were about to do something remarkable. The absolute peace of the situation was something inexplic-

Suddenly the office boy entered the room Mme. Eames's manager, Edward Michael, fol lowed him hurriedly. "Mme. Eames cannot sing to-night. She has

a cold. Impossible for her to appear."

Those were Mr. Michael's words. He with drew discreetly. The storm had broken. Mr. Grau jammed his bell. Office boys, private secretaries, personal representatives and managers poured in from the antercom, where they sit in shoals all day waiting for just such things to happen. It was, indeed, a critical moment. The house sold out, and nobody for the Countess, one of Mme. Eames's most popu-lar roles.

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Out of the hubbub a ukase went forth. A committee was called. It consisted of Maurice Grau, Signor Mancinelli and M. Sembrich. It went into executive session and tried to think of somebody to sing the Countess. Mme. Nordica, versatile artist, was thought of first. Cabs were called and sub-committees started in various directions. One messenger went to Mme. Nordica at the Waldorf. She would have been delighted to sing if she had but known a few hours before. But she had not sung the Countess for some time. Without a rehearsal it was impossible. Bhe regretted it dreadfully, but it was quite impossible.

In the meantime there came a messenger from the Hotel Savoy. Mme. Sembrich's maid had just laid out her costumes for Susanna when the news of the change arrived. Would sae sing Lucia? Yes, was the answer, if M. Saléza could sing Edgardo. That meant another messenger for M. Saléza. The moment was critical. Promptness was necessary, so Mr. Grau went over to the Normandie Hotel himself. M. Saléza was as disappointed as Mme. Nordica had.

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The committee went into executive session once more. It was decided to give "Il Barbiere di Sevigila" if Mme, Semborich was willing to sing the opera again. Her husband stroked his beard and said slowly that he thought she would. So the opera was sung again last night. The audience had the privilege of changing the seats bought or getting the money back. But nobody did either, and the house was crowded to hear Mme, Sembrich once more as Kosina.

Mme, Eames was taken ill on Monday night with a cold which she thinks she caught at the rehearsal on Sunday. She remained in bed all Tuesday to recover, but vesterilay at noon it was found impossible for her to sing. Her does tor thinks that she may have a slight touch of influenza. It was before the contemplated performance of "Le Nozze di Figaro" two years ago that Mme, Eames was taken seriously ill.

THE OPERA.

The "Barber of Seville" Repeated to Large Audlence.

Posters in the lobbies of the Metropolitan announced last evening to the incoming audience that on account of Mme. Eames's sudden indisposition the eagerly expected "Nozze di Figaro" of Mozart would be replaced Rossini's "Barber of Seville." Those who had witnessed the excellent performance of this latter opera during the first weel of the season probably welcomed a repetition of it, no matter how eagerly they may have been anticipating a novel representation, and those who had already been amused by its fareical humor were certainly content to enjoy it once tent hands as at the first rendering, so perfectly studied, so industriously rehearsed, that the action passed with charming vivacity, the artists themselves seeming to enjoy the artists themselves seeming to enjoy the frolic as much as their listeners did. Between the four principal men who took part, Signore de Reszke, Carbone, Campanari and Salignac, there was but little to choose in either quantity or quality of humor. All were equally adapted to their roles, and each one assisted the other most cleverly and generously to further the fun of the play. Edouard de Reszke was immensely impressive in his solemn absurdity. Carbone's by-play was redundant and unceas-Carbone's by-play was redundant and unceasing. The Barber of Campanari is a most vivid and picture-sque figure, and Salignac makes a lover sufficiently agreeable and realistic to give a semblance of interesting sincerity to the whole plot.

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Mme, Sembrich received, after her brilliant singing in the lesson seene, a similar ovation to that which she won at the initial presentation of "The Barber." She sang exactly the same songs—"Primavera." by Strauss: Chopin's composition, "Were I a Birdling," and "Ah non Giunge, "from "Sonnambula."

A very large and exceptionally brilliant audience was present.

CLAIM JAMES MOFFAT'S ESTATE.

Son Dispute the Ownership of \$360,000.

The United States Trust Company, as trustee of the estate of James G. Moffat, who died in 1887, leaving about \$1,000,000, has an action on trial before Justice Stover of the Supreme Court to determine to whom a third of the re siduary estate, valued at \$360,000, should go. The will of Moffat, who was a mill owner and manufacturer of Plainfield, N. J., gave his daughter, Mary A. Maxwell, \$30,000 and the house at 161 West Forty-fourth street; his daughter, Harriet R. Morris, \$30,000 and a cottage at Montelair, and his son James, \$15,000 and his house and manufactory at Plainfield. The residue was to be held in trust so that

and his house and manufactory at Plainfeld. The residue was to be held in trust so that each child should receive the income of a third with remainder over to the issue of each, and failing issue, to the other residuary legatees. James Moffat died in 1897. The two sisters claim the third of the residue on the ground that their brother left no issue.

This third is claimed by another James Moffat, 24 years old, who sets up that he is a son of the residuary legatee. James Moffat. It is alleged that his father had a common law marriage in 1873 with Ellen A. Arbuthnot, and that he was born in wedlock at Rutherford. N. J., in 1874. He asserts that the common law marriage was followed by a ceremonial marriage in Brooklyn in 1885.

The mother of the claimant, Mrs. Ellen A. Moffat, testified that she met James Moffat on the street in Newark. N. J., in 1870, while she was walking with her sister, who introduced her to him. The acquaintance was kept up. She said she lived at 57 West Twenty-eight street and at the West Side Hotel, formerly at Fifteenth street and Sixth avenue. She denied that these places were of bad character or had been raided by the police when she resided in them. She said her lusteand left her a month after their marriage, but contributed regularly to the support of herself and child. after their marriage, but contributed regularit to the support of herself and child.

Involuntary Petition in Bankruptey. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was

filed yesterday against Oscar Tamagno, dealer in oils at 82 Broad street, by three creditors, the Manhattan Oil Company, Leber & Mayer and James M. Adams, whose claims aggregate \$1,313. It was alleged that during the mouth of October, while insolvent. Mr. Tamagnd transferred real estate in Ulster and Greene counties to his wife and also transferred his outstanding accounts, stock and fixtures to certain creditors to give them a preference.

First Wednesday Cotillion at Sherry's.

The first Wednesday cotilion was given last evening at Sherry's. The patronesses, Mrs. Algernon Sydney Sullivan, Mrs. William L. Trenholm, Mrs. William Barbour, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. Robert Nicol, Mrs. George L. Nichols, Mrs. Oliver Livingston Jones and Mrs. John Burling Lawrence, received the guesta. Mr. Arthur S. Willy of Virginia led the cotillon and danced with Miss Marvin.

New York Avenue M. E. Church Calls the Rev. A. S. Havanagh.

The committee of the New York Avenue M. E. Church in Brooklyn, which was appointed to select a successor to the Rev. John T. McFar-iand, who recently gave notification that he would retire from the pastorate in the spring, has unanimously decided to extend a call to the Rev. A. S. Kavanagh of South Norwalk, Conn.

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They Notified the Janitor-Otta Company's Reports-Mr. Cauldwell's Condition. The accident to the elevator in the Manice building on Tuesday, which resulted in the death of Walter H. Griffen, Secretary of the United States Fire Insurance Company, and serious injury to Thomas W. Cauldwell, a director, was carefully investigated yesterday by both the Otis Elevator Company, which put in the elevator, and the Building Department. The inspectors of the Otis Company, according to the statement of one of its officials, were unable to determine the cause of the accident, but the inspectors of the Building Department were more successful. They reported to President T. J. Brady of the Board of Buildings that the accident resulted from a defect in the auto-matic stop on the motor combined with the operator's failure to properly stop the car at the bottom of the shaft.

Inspectors Frankenberg and Foley were the men who made the report. By a strange coincidence they went to the Maurice building at 10 o'clock on Tuesday with the purpose of nspecting the elevator as a part of their customary round. They found, according to the anguage of their official report, that it "was one of the best running elevators in the city." except that the automatic stop on the motor was not properly set for the bottom stop of the car. in their opinion, however, this was not a vital defect. They informed the janitor that it would be necessary to have it fixed, they say. but they did not think that it was necessary to discontinue running the car. They had intended to make a formal report to their chief at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, as is the custom in this department, and then, if the defect were not remedied immediately, order the car

But in the meantime the accident came.
Frankenberg and Foley were therefore sent again to determine the cause. They embodied the result of both their investigations in the report which they submitted yesterday. After technical description of the elevator the re-

port expresses this opinion: "The cause of the accident was that while the car was on the down trip, the operator failed to judge the ground floor properly. The car struck the bumpers at the bottom of the car struck the numbers at the bottom of the shift, causing the back drum weights to raise the car weights, thus tipping the car weights into the shaft. Had the automatic stop on the motor car been set properly for the down stop, and the car properly stopped at the ground floor, the accident would not have happened."

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Assistant Treasurer Lynde Belknap of the Otis Company said that no such accident had ever before happened to my of their elevators. "That elevator," he went on, "was inspected to us on Nov. 18 and it was then in good condition. It has been stated that comething was wrong with it for some little time. I do not believe it, for the owner of the building has been very prompt to make complaint whenever he wanted us to fix anything. He has been unusually careful in this respect. Neither do I believe that the elevator dropped at all, despite what has been ead. We have had our inspectors down there, and while they have learned just what did happen they cannot tell why it happened. The carriage containing the weights which are used as a counterbalance for the elevator is attached by a cable to the car. When the car is at the top the weights are at the bottom, and vice versa. At the top of the elevator shaft there is an iron grating. Ordinarily the carriage containing the weights does not reach this grating, even when the elevator car rests on the floor. It must have done so at the time of the accident. "One side of the carriage must have struck the grating and the puiling, still continuing for an unknown reason, must have tilted the carriage so that the bars on one side of the frame which hold the movaule weights if place were bent out of shape, allowing the weights to fail. I hase this statement upon data furnished by the inspectors we have sent to investigate. They have not yet finished their work, and it is possible that more will be developed later. "Why the weights should have gone high enough to have touched the grating I cannot say, It is possible that the cables around the drum, to which are attached another counterbaiance weight which runs up the same grove and helps control the elevator, were moved after the car was at the bottom, thus forcing the weighted at least 100

Mr. Heiknap also said that Dennis Sullivan, the elevator boy, was not recommended by the Otis Company. His name was merely on a list which they keep at their offices for the benefit of those desirous of employing men to run ele-vators. His recommendations were good. The company never makes any guarantee as to never makes any guarantee as t

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I The building was closed yesteriay to all save tenants. Superintendent L. M. Kellogg stood at the William street door all day. He refused to allow any one except the building inspectors and Coroner Hart, who has charge of the case, to inspect the elevator, and declined to talk concerning what had happened. Coroner Hart's investigation did not do him much good. He said last night that he had learned nothing which shed any light on the cause of the accident.

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The condition of Mr. Cauldwoll, who is at the Hudson Street Hospital, is serious. He is suffering from a depressed fracture of the base of the skull and a fracture of the shoulder blade and collar bone. He has only brief periods of coneciousness. In addition to the regular hospital staff he is being attended by his brother, Dr. Charles M. Cauldwell of 16 West Fifty-fourth street. Mr. Cauldwell was a talesman before Judge Newburger in the Court of General Sessions on Monday. He got excused to attend the meeting of the inaurance company's directors, which resulted in his being injured.

CREMATED A LIVE CAT. Mrs. Fusser Says She Did It to Put the Poor

Thing Out of Misery. Because of her mistaken notion as to the best and most humane way of disposing of a sickland motherless kitten, Mrs. Elizabeth Fusser of 137 West Thirty-third street was arraigned in the West Fifty-fourth Street Police Court yesterday upon the charge of cruelty lice court yearday open the animals. Special Policeman Evans of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was the complainant. He said that the woman had thrust a live kitten into a red-hot Mrs. Fusser admitted her guilt, but de-clared that she had had no intention of being

The poor little thing was without a mothe and was only a week old," she sold. "I tried my best to rear it by feeding it from a spoon, but it didn't thrive, and I thought that the best way to end its auffering was to burn it up. I made the fire as hot as I could to lessen the agony. I couldn't bear to drown the poor thing."

thing."
Magistrate Mott dismissed the complaint and
Mrs. Fusser went home accombanied by a
delegation of twenty sympathetic neighbors.

Hutzler Arraigned-His Victim Still Alive Louis Hutzler, a baker, of 43 Bartlett street, Williamsburg, who slashed the throat and neck of Mrs. Bertha Dietrich, his boarding mistress with a razor last Sunday because she refused to marry him, and who then attempted to comto marry him, and who then attempted to commit suicide by cutting his own throat, was sent yesterday from St. John's Hospital to the Lee Avenue Police Court and arraigned before Magistrate Teale on charges of felonious assault and attempted suicide. He admitted the truth of each charge, but said he was drunk when he attacked the woman. The Magistrate committed him to jail without bail for a hearing on Monday. Mrs. Dietrich is still alive, but in a precarious condition.

John D. Welch Paralyzed While Swearing

to a Complaint in Court. John D. Welch, 73 years old, who has been t the express business in Brooklyn for over forty years, went to the Adams Street Court yesteryears, went to the Adams Street Court yester-day morning to enter a complaint against two men, who had been arrested for stealing some property from his stable in Smith street. Just after he had signed the paper, but before being sworn, he was stricken with paralysis and sank back speechless in a chair. He did not lose consciousness, and nodded to Magistrate Nostrand in scknowledgment of his signature. He was removed in a carriage to his home at 1187 Bedford avenue.

California Travellers.

The Chicago, Union Pa inc and Northwestern Line is the direct and require route. Two fast trains leave thirage every day in the year.

Donole drawing-room sleeping cars, buffet, smoking and filterry cars, &c. fining cars serving all meals en route. Sleeping carraservations. Farticulars address Northwestern Line office, set Broadway.—44x.

HOME LIFE BUILDING REOPENED.

Temperary Roof for the Eighth Floor While Repairs Go On Above.

Business was resumed yesterday by the Home Life Insurance Company in the offices occupied by it previous to the fire, the tem orary quarters in the Postal Telegraph build ing being closed. President Ide and Napoleon Le Brun, architect of the building, held a con ference in the afternoon relative to the worl which must be done to restore the structure to its original condition. It is probable that a temporary roof will be built at the top of the eighth story so that business may go on be-neath this point as usual. The building will then be practically only eight stories high. President Ide said that it could be heated and

then be practically only eight stories had. President Ide said that it could be heated and lighted to that point while the repairs above could be completed.

Architect Le Brun said yesterday that he was satisfied that every girder in the building, with one exception, was all right. A new marble front, new partitions and new floors will be put in. Some of the brickwork in the shaft back of the Rogers-Peet building will have to be taken down and replaced, as there is a bad crack running through several stories. This can be done, however, without destroying the whole wall, as the steal structure of each story supports its own brickwork. For instance, that of the tenth story can be removed without affecting that of the eleventh.

The manner of the reconstruction has not yet been determined upon. President Ide said that they would not be allowed to take down the material on the Broadway side of the building. Unless permission can be secured from the Hoffman estate, which owns the Rogers-Peet building, to work on that side, everything will have to be carried up through the interior on one of the passenger elevators. Mr. Ide had heard that the Hoffman estate instended to rebuild immediately, erecting a tensory building, but W. M. Y. Hoffman said last night that no plans concerning the property had yet been made.

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Pedestrians were allowed resterday to pass along the east side of Broadway, but they were still kept from the other side. As soon as the shed over the street is constructed this restriction will be removed.

The Philadelphia experts who came over to New York on Tuesday to investigate the fire have made their report. Chief Haddock of the Bureau of Building Inspection, speaking for the committee, says that the supporting steel structure was but little injured, and he thinks the fireproofing material used in the construction of floors and partitions showed to great advantage. Still he recommends that a law be passed regulating the height of buildings.

MAY RAISE MARINE RATES.

Insurance Underwriters Hold a Meeting but Action Is Deferred.

The question of advancing the rates for ur derwriting marine risks was talked over at a special meeting of the Institute of American Marine Underwriters at 49 Wall street yester day. Twenty-four underwriters, representing the chief commercial cities, attended the meeting, which was called as a result of the heavy losses sustained on both the Atlantic coast and the great lakes as a result of the storm of Nov 26-27. These losses exceeded \$1,000,000 and were the most severe to the underwriters in were the most severe to the underwriters in any storm for ten years. It was stated at the meeting that it was the concensus of opinion that the prevailing rates are inadequate to meet the losses. They have been kept low because of competition. As those at the meeting, who represented companies having head-quarters in many parts of the world, were not in a position to bind their companies, the matter of advancing rates was referred back to the various companies themselves to take such individual action as they deem best. It was the opinion that higher rates would result from the meeting.

Burr-Hayden. Miss Mabel E. Hayden and Mr. Calvin Burn were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waiam B. Hayden, 150 West Fifty-ninth street. The rooms were trimmed throughout with holly, fir and mistletoe and at one end of the drawing room a chancel was arranged. The Rev. Dr. S. Delancey Townsend, rector of All Angels' Church, performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father. Mrs. Raymond T. French, the bride's sister, attended her as naid of honor. Miss Emma Wilder of Roches ter, Miss Elizabeth Burr of Auburn, N. Y., sister of the bridegroom; Miss Katherine De Ford Thurman and Miss E. E. Haldeman of Harrisourg. Pa., were the bridesmaids, Nelson Beardsley Burr attended his brother as best man, and Mr. John Harold Hayden and Mr. Cotton Allan Hayden, brothers of the bride: Mr. Charles Rufus Knapp of Adburn, Mr. Frank Lyon Polk, Mr. Frederic Curtis Perkins and Mr. Philip Hamilton McMillan were the behers.

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An elaborate musical programme was rendered before and during the eeremony. The surpliced choir of All Angels' Church and Mr. Smock, the tenor, sang selections from the oratorio of "Ruth and Naomi," and the instrumental part of the service was rendered by part of the Damrosch orchestra. There was a large reception after the ceremony. Mr. Burr, the bridgegroom, is a son of Charles P. Burr of Auburn, N. Y., and a lawyer.

Brown-Batjer.

Miss A. Virginia Batjer and Mr. Luther at 8 o'clock last night in St. James's Protestant Episcopal Church, Madison avenue and Seventy-first street. The Rev. Dr. E. Walpole Warren rector of the church, performed the ceremony and was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Cornelius B and was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Cornelius B.
Smith, the rector emeritus. The bride was
given away by her father, Henry Batier. She
was attended by her sister, Miss Batier, as
maid of honor, Miss Lillie Batier, a cousin;
Miss Smythe, Miss Allison and Miss Florence
Cruikshank were the bridesmaids. Mr. Irving
Swan Brown was best man, and Mr. William
H. Shelp, Mr. A. R. Morrell, Mr. Edward W.
Barry, Mr. C. H. Bickell and Mr. Howard B.
Angell were the ushers. After the ceremony
there was a reception at the home of the bride's
parents. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Batier, 11 East
Eighty-first street. parents. Mr. and a Eighty-first street.

Bryant-Farrell. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 7 .- Miss Florence Adele Farrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Farrell of Ansonia, and Mr. George Clark Bryant, Yale 1806, were married in Christ Bryant, Yale 1896, were married in Christ Church. Ansonia, at 6 o'clock this evening. The Rev. Charles E. Woodcock, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony. Miss Elsie Marion Farrell, the bride's sister, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Lillian Clarke Farrell of Ansonia, the bride's cousin, and seven of her classmates, Miss Priscilla Taylor of Erie, Pa.; Miss Florence Conant, Miss Alice Eaton and Miss Florence Eaton of Boston; Miss Emily larney, Miss Laurs Barney and Miss Virginia Shoemaker of Ogontz, Pa. Mr. Francis Downing was best man.

McCoy-Dixon.

Miss Jessie Dixon, daughter of Suprem-Court Justice Jonathan Dixon, was married yesterday evening to Mr. Francis McCoy of this city. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, 479 Jersey avenue. Jersey City, the Rev. Dr. Charles Herr, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. The parlors were decorated with chrysanthemums. Miss Else Dixon, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and her four other sisters, Bertha, Elizabeth, Laura, and Heien, were bridesmaids. Dr. Cecil McCoy, a brother of the brideg room, was best man, and two other brothers, Malcolm and Guy, were ushers. dence of the bride's parents, 479 Jersey ave

Taylor-Richards.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.-Miss Mary Lippincot Richards, daughter of Mrs. Augustus H. Richards, was married to-day to Dr. J. Gurney Taylor at St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church. the Rev. Dr. Gernant of Overbrook officiating the Rev. Dr. Gernant of Overbrook officiating.

Miss Sue V. Cresson was maid of honor. The
bridesmaids were Miss Kaighn, Miss Eigzabeth Canby of Wilmington, Del.; Miss Ethel
Maule, Misa Ann Morris, Miss Louise Spear
and Miss Mary Morris. W. Charles Taylor
was best man. The ushers were Aifred M.
North, Dr. Joseph Scattergood, Dr. William R.
Nicholson, Dr. Brinton R. Chase, Dr. Robert N.
Willson and Dr. Carl L. Feet. The bride is a
niece of J. Dundas Lippincott.

Fell-Wilson.

Miss Winifred Wilson and Mr. Tilly Reid Fell were married at 8 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs Henry Bramble Wilson, 37 West Eighty-sixth street. The Rev. Dr. Anthony H. Evans, pastor of the West Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony. The bride's only attendants were her sisters, Miss Annis M. Wilson and Miss Elia Willard Wilson. Mr. Herbert N. Fell was best man, and Mr. Henry Allen and Mr. James Pomeroy were the ushers. There was a large reception after the ceremony.

Rev. Edward J. Hopkins Left Only \$1,000 The will of the Rev. Edward J. Hopkins was filed in Brooklyn yesterday. It is written on a leaf torn from a notebook. The estate, which is valued at only \$1,000, is left to the testator's lather. Thomas Hopkins of Long Island City. Father Hopkins was an assistant of the Rev. Father Sylvester Malone in the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Williamsburg.

RECEPTION FOR SLEUTHS.

CHAPMAN GIVES A BLOW-OUT TO HIS NEW DETECTIVES.

They Were Evening Clothes and the Captain Blew Them to Chocolate Drops-Plans for Abolishing Vice Discussed-High Low Lewey and Long Beach Reagan There. Police Captain Chapman gave a reception in als private office on Monday in honor of th new detectives who had been transferred at his request from uptown precincts to the Eldridge street station. His new aides who were

thus honored are Burtles E. S. Thompson Stanleigh Upward, Watson Schermerhorn, and Orville Augustus Hatfleld.

The guests arrived early at the station and their dress-suit cases and other largage were carried upstairs to the chambers which had been assigned for their use. A committee of bluecoats off duty, consisting of Policemen Dooley, Kenney, Fitzgerald and O'Brien, acted as porters and ushers when the guests arrived.

Capt. Chapman and his principal wardman, E. Wesley Hall, stood at the head of the table and received the guests. As the function was entirely informal the only refreshments served were the chocolate drops which Capt. Chapma won from E. Wesley Hall at their recent marksmanship contest in a Bowers shooting gallery. After an interchange of introductions there was a conference regarding the best means to extend the reform wave through the east side and eradicate all forms of vice. Capt. Chapman and the guests were pink roses in the lapels of their dress coats. There were several outsiders present at the reception, including "Long Reach" Reagan, Reagan, it is said. was present as an object lesson of what genu-

ine reform can accomplish. It was authoritatively announced that, although the new aides to Capt. Chapman would be obliged to spend much time on the east side, they would still retain their residences in their town houses in the silk stocking districts. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that moral suasion should be used to head off the drift toward moral degradation is the precinct, Capt, Chapman referred in glowing language to the action of the Martin Engel Association in doing away with liquo and cards at their clubroom, and in voting to induce the young members to keep away from the saloons. Watson Schermerhorn

and cards at their clubroom, and in voting to induce the young members to keep away from the saloons. Watson Schermerhorn suggested that even in the district. When one was well dressed, he arraved, one had little desire to associate with the acum of the community. He also suggested that the Captain offer, merit cards to the men of his command who dressed nearly and appropriately even when not on duty.

While the discussion was in progress High Low Lewey was ushered into the room. He was introduced to all hands.

"Captain, and gentlemen." he said, "please excuse this intrusion, but I came here on a little mission. After consulting with my friend, Silver Dollar Smith, we thought that it would be appropriate to have you visit our clubroom and inspect our library. We propose on Saturday afternoon to give a pink tea at the rooms of the Hartin Engel Association, and we would like to have you present, as it is proposed to give it in your honor."

"Delighted at the compilment conveyed by the invitation," answered the Captain, "we will let you know whether or not we will accept by to-morrow."

The reception at this point appeared to be too much for High Low Lewey and Long Reach Reagan. They left the room, and Lewey rushed around the corner to Phil Wissie's saloon, where he dropped in a chair, gasping for breath.

"Phill Phill" he shouted to Wissig, "What devil's work has come over this district since that hoodoo Engel chowder?"

"Bork ask me I'm dead and buried," answered Wissig.

Before the reception was over in the station a letter was nanded to Capt. Chapman. It was from Phobus, Va. The Captain read it aloud. It was as follows:

"Dran Sir: Excuse this liberty, although I am not living in New York I left it six months ago. I am giad to read in the New York Bapers that there is one man who sees the wrong that the captain read it aloud. It was as follows:

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DETROIT RAILROAD SCHEME.

An Elevated Road with a Sort of Charing Cross Hotel Terminal.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 7.-For several weeks the Merchants and Manufacturers' Exchange of this city has been working to secure a franchise for an elevated railroad along the river front. To-day it developed that the road was a scheme to give the Pennsylvania Railway scheme to give the l'ennsylvania Railway system an entrance to Detroit, and that Senator McMillan was back of it. It is proposed to build a great hotel and station on Jefferson avenue after the style of the Charing Cross station in London. Five million dollars will be expended if the franchise is granted, of which amount Senator McMillan and his friends will subscribe two millions. Senator McMillan will ratire from political life at the end of his present Senatorial term, and become actively engaged in business again. in business again.

Priority of Queen and Crescent Claims. CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 7 .- Judge Taft in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals to-day rendered a decision as to the priority of the judgment claims against the Cincinnati Southern Railroad (Queen and Crescent) as against local hallroad (Queen and Crescent) as against local, labor and other claims. He decided that the Kentucky claims amounting to \$11,181 and Tennessee claims amounting to \$83,400 had priority over all others. The total indebtedness of the road is \$460,857. There will be a surplus on hand by the first of January, the Judge said, of \$200,000, and out of this the Kentucky and Tennessee claims would be paid in full.

Seaboard Air Line Investigation. BALTIMORE, Md., Doc. 7,-Preparations for investigation of the charges against the management of the Seaboard Air Line, prepared by Thomas F. Ryan of New York, have been com pleted. The committee having charge of the matter has decided to employ John A. Thompsins of this city and Hamilton S. Corwin of New York to audit the books and make an exhaustive report. The committee has decided that the investigation shall be thorough.

Fighting to Dave Murderer Clifford. TRENTON, N. J. Doc. 7 .- Argument in the abeas corpus and certiorari proceedings in the case of Edward Clifford, the condemned murderer in Hudson County, began to-day in the Supreme Court. Ex-Attorney General John P. Stockton, who appeared for Clifford, and Attorney General Grey, who represents the State, were unable to agree on the mode of procedure, and the court did not decide the difference, but fixed Dec. 19 as the date for arguing both

writs.

A date for taking testimony will be fixed on Saturday at Newark by Justice Depue. The hitch between counsel to-day occurred by reason of the failure of Prosecutor Erwin of Hudson County to affix to his rein, in the habeas corpus case the death warrant agned by Acting-Governor Watkins. It is upon the legality of this warrant that Clifford's fight will be made.

Big Hat Factory in Danbury Burned.

DANBURY, Conn., Dec. 7 .- The hat factory of John W. Green & Co., one of the largest in the United States, was burned to the ground to night. The fire was discovered by the watchman at 8 o'clock. It started in a generating machine which supplied the factory with gas. The main factory, a three-story building 300 feet long, the firm's box factory and a cluster of smaller buildings belonging to the concern were all destroyed. The firm had been very busy recently and employed nearly 500 hands. The loss is \$125,000. Only 15 more business days before Xmas.

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OBITUARY,

David W. Manwaring died yesterday at his home, 58 West Fifty-third street. He had been in good health until last Monday afternoon, when he had a stroke of apoplexy, from which he did not rally. Mr. Manwaring was born in Essex, Conn., in 1821, but after his father's death he was obliged to come to New York in support of his mother and three sisters. For six years he was an errand boy in Leggett's wholesale grocery store. When he was 19 years old he started business for himself at 250 Front street, where for fifty-seven years he had dealt in imported burlaps and bagging goods, Mr. Manwaring was married four times. His third wife bore him a daughter. Notwithstanding that sne was his only child he granted the requests of his sister, a Mrs. Manderbilt, who wished t adopt the little girl, and he never saw the girl from the time she was 3 months old until she

from the time she was 3 months old until she was 22. For twenty-seven years Mr. Manwaring was a trustee of Calvary Bantlat Church. He also served in the same capacity in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church for twenty-one years. Mr. Manwaring leaves a widow and his only child, Phoebe Manwaring.

Benson Ferris, President of the Westchester County Savings Bank, was found dead in bed at his home in Tarrytown yesterday morning. He was 74 years of age. He was born in the Sunnyside section of Tarrytown, and his father sold to Washington Irving the ground upon which the Irving home was built. In 1855 he was one of sixteen citizens who organized the Republican party in Westchester county. He was President of the Tarrytown and Irvington Union Gas Light Company, and was a member of the Westchester Historical Society. He was a close friend of ex-Judge William H. Robertson, who died at his home in Katonah on Monday night.

Thomas W. Waterman, 77 years of age, died

his home in Katonah on Monday night.

Thomas W. Waterman, 77 years of age, died at his home in Binghamton, N. Y., yesterday, He graduated from Yale when 19 years old, in 1840, and in 1848 opened a law office in New York. Afterward he went to Binghamton and devoted his time to writing aud editing law books. His last and best work was two volumes on corporation law. He is survived by two daughters. Mrs. George J. Murdock of Newark, N. J., and Miss Elizabeth Waterman of Binghamton.

William Woodville, an expert accountant who

of Binghamton.

William Woodville, an expert accountant who has been employed by the Government in many important investigations, died, at his home in Washington on Tuesday. He was a native of Baltimore, but had resided in Washington for twenty years. During the civil war he served as Captain of volunteers.

Mrs. Jourse Branchen, 40 years old, wife of Mrs. Louise Brugmann, 40 years old, wife of John Brugmann, a German actor, died on Tues-day at her home, 20 Sunnyalde avenue, Wee-hawken Heights, Several years ago she sang in oratorio under Damrosch.

PROFESSIONAL COLLEGE THIEF. Frank Sherwin Sent to Jail for Five Years for Stealing from Students.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 7 .- Frank Sherwin alias Cissy McCarthy, who was sentenced to State Prison for five years by Judge Elmer, in Middletown to-day, is believed to be a professional college thief. He pleaded guilty to the robbing of the Pai Upsilon House of Wesleyan University on Nov. 12, but the New Haven police believe him guilty of other crimes. A valise belonging to him was found at Hartford and in it were pawn tickets for articles stolen from it were pawn tickets for articles stolen from students of Yale. The pawned articles are valued at \$400. It is also believed that he stole at Trinity College, Hartford.

Sherwin did his work skilfully. Numerous complaints were received by the Detective Bureau here from time to time, but the detectives could obtain no clues to the Yale thief. The complaints came chiefly from students in Vanderbilt and Pierson halls and Welch Dormitorr. Since the opening of the fall term several students have complained to the police of the loss of diamonds and watches. Sterling F. loss of diamonds and watches. Sterling Foote, a student, lost a watch which was fou in a New York pawnshop. Among Sherwi effects was a pawn ticket for Foote's watch.

LARRY BECKER GETTING WELL.

Evangelist Variey Writes to Paterson's Mayor Against Prizefights.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 7 .- Larry Becker, the prizefighter who was so misused in his bout with George McFadden on Monday night that he was taken to the General Hospital at the he was taken to the General Hospital at the end of the seventeenth round, is in a much improved condition to-day. The physicians at the hospital say he will be around in a few days. Henry Varley, an evangelist, who has been laboring here for the last two weeks for the redemption of this wicked city, has written a letter to the local newspapers and to Mayor Hinchliffe urging that the city authoricies take some action to bring punishment upon all concerned in the Monday night fight. Mr. Varley also wants the city to put a stop to all boxing exhibitions.

Fears for Two New Haven Schooners.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 7 .- The owners of the New Haven schooner Harry Prescott fear she has been lost. The vessel is three masted and has been engaged in the coastwise trade for fifteen years. She sailed from New York on Nov. 24 for Savannah with a carge of phosphate. She should have reached the Southern port several days ago. Another New Haven schooner believed to be lost is the Howard H. Hanscom, which sailed from Philadelphia for Providence over a week ago.

Unwilling to Help Hang Andersen. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 7 .- United States Marshal Morgan Treat arrived here to-day to complete preparations for the execution of John Anderson, sentenced to be hanged on Friday next fo the murder of Mate Saunders of the schooner Olive Becker. Marshal Treat said to-night that the gallows which has been creeted in Norfolk jail yard will be tested to-morrow, but that he had been unable to find any men in this city willing to assist in the work and had therefore telegraphed to Richmond for assistants.

Buried Under a Coal Heap in a Fire. WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 7.-Four men were buried under the coal at the Lehigh Coal and Coke Company's dock by a cave-in this afternoon. The men were fighting a fire on the dock when the fire burned through the floor of the dock and the coal pile went into the bay, carrying the men with it. Early this even-ing one of the men, John Malinowski, was res-cued and taken to the hospital in a precarious condition. The three others are probably dead.

Southern Cotton Mills Strike. Augusta, Ga., Dec. 7 .- Notice has been posted

in all the cotton mills belonging to the Southern Manufacturing Association that after the orn manufacturing association that after the holidays all the mills now running will be closed if before that time mills now idle do not resume work. The supplies in the strikers' commissary are growing short, and there is beginning to be suffering among the strikers and local aid is about exhausted. It is not believed that the strikers can hold out much longer.

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CASHIER STEELE'S TRIAL.

Case Called in Philadelphia and Put Off One Day to Oblige Counsel. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7 .- William Steele, cash-

ier of the defunct Chestnut Street National Bank, of which the late William M. Singerly was President, was called up for trial to-day in the United States District Court on the in the United States District Court on the charges of falsifying his reports to the Comptroller of the Currency. The charges are supported by the affidavit of National Bank Exampler William M. Harit. Steele pleaded "not guilty." The prosecution was ready to proceed with the trial, when it was announced that A. S. L. Shields, the lawyer for Steele, who is also the attorney for Senator Quay, was unable to be present to-day. The case was fixed for trial to-morrow.

Brakeman Killed by Tramps. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 7 .- William T. Carr. a brakeman in the employ of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, was shot and killed while trying to put off a gang of hobos at Earlington, Ky., last night.

